We claim:

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A mixture comprising

- (i) at least one isocyanate and
- (ii) at least one organic and/or inorganic acid anhydride.
- 10 2. A mixture as claimed in claim 1 in which (ii) is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 20% by weight, based on the weight of the mixture.
- 3. A mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein (ii) comprises
 anhydrides based on: pyromellitic acid, citraconic acid,
 itaconic acid, phthalic, isophthalic and/or terephthalic
 acid, benzoic acid, phenylacetic acid, cyclohexylalkanoic
 acid, malonic acid, adducts of maleic acid with styrene
 and/or of maleic acid and alkylenes, succinic acid, maleic
 acid, polymaleic acid, glutaric acid and/or copolymers of the
 above-mentioned unsaturated acids with comonomers which are
 copolymerizable with these acids.

A process for producing polyisocyanate polyaddition products by reacting isocyanates with compounds which are reactive toward isocyanates in the presence or absence of catalysts, blowing agents, additives and/or auxiliaries, wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of (ii) at least one organic or inorganic acid anhydride.

A process for producing foamed polyisocyanate polyaddition products or polyurethane elastomers by reacting isocyanates with compounds which are reactive toward isocyanates in the presence of catalysts, blowing agents, additives and/or auxiliaries, wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of (ii) at least one organic or inorganic acid anhydride.

- 6. A process as claimed in claim 4 or 5, wherein the acid
 anhydrides (ii) are used in an amount of from 0.01 to 20% by weight, based on the total weight of the acid anhydrides and the isocyanates used.
- 45 7. A process as claimed in claim 4 or 5, wherein a mixture as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3 is used.

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- 8. A polyisocyanate polyaddition product obtainable by a process as claimed in claim 4 or 5.
- The use of acid anhydrides in polyisocyanate polyaddition products for stabilizing the polyisocyanate polyaddition products, in particular polyhrethanes, against cleavage of the urethane and/or urea bond.
- 10. The use of acid anhydrides in polyisocyanate polyaddition products for reacting with amino groups in the polyisocyanate polyaddition products.

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